

Subject: Vermont Numismatic Society--
dissolution of

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VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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February 25, 1935

Mr. Shepard Pond, Secretary
Boston Numismatic Society
258 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Pond:

We have in our possession the "Constitution and By-Laws of the Vermont Numismatic Society, Adopted July 3d, 1877," published in Montpelier by the Argus and Patriot Job Printing House, 1877. This small pamphlet is about 3" x 5" and contains 10 pages.

The first officers were as follows:

M. D. Gilman, President, Montpelier
A. C. Spalding, Vice President, Jericho
C. P. Thayer, Secretary, Burlington
D. Noyes Burton, Treasurer & Curator, Burlington.

The first two articles in the Constitution are as follows:

"Article I. This Society shall be called the 'Vermont Numismatic Society.' Its object shall be the promotion of Numismatic Science, and the formation of a Cabinet for the use of its members.

Article II. The Society shall consist of Resident, Corresponding and Honorary Members."

Article VI of the By-laws is as follows:

Resident members shall reside in the State of Vermont, and shall annually pay to the Treasurer a fee of one dollar. And if they are

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in arrears for two years they shall forfeit their membership. Corresponding Members shall consist of persons interested in the study of Numismatics, residing out of the State of Vermont. Honorary Members shall be persons who have particularly distinguished themselves by their services to Numismatic Science, and, together with Corresponding Members, shall be free from dues and assessments.

We also have about a dozen papers, documents, letters, etc. dating from 1877-1881 regarding the Vermont Numismatic Society.

Very truly yours,

Agnes K. Lawson

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Mr. Shepard Pond, Secretary
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My dear Mr. Pond:

I find the following information in regard to the dissolving the Vermont Numismatic Society in the manuscript mentioned before:

On a card written by H. P. Allen of Burlington, dated Dec. 28, 1880, to M. D. Gilman, Montpelier, it states:

"Has Mr A. B. H. made propositions to you tending to winding up the V. N. Soc. and donating its property to the Vt H. Soc? I feel if no more interest be taken then there has been the past 2 years, it might as well go, although I was in hopes by carefull nursing to see the child live and grow strong with age."

In a letter written by H. P. Allen, Sec., dated Burlington, Vt., Jan. 6, 1881, to some one unknown it states:

"At the regular Annual Meeting of the Vermont Numismatic Society held at the American Hotel in this city Jany 3d 1881, it was moved and carried: 'That here be an adjourned Annual Meeting at 11.A.M. on the first wednesday in Feb (2d) 1881 at the American Hotel for the election of Officers, also, to take action in regard to a dissolution

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of the Society! You are especially requested to
be present at that time."

Very truly yours,

Agnes K. Lawson